

1       WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.      A lighted ring toy with consumable portion comprising:

5           a housing containing a power source and an electrical circuit, the housing having an upwardly extending portion for supporting a consumable portion;

10          a finger-grasping portion extending from the housing for engagement with the finger of a user; and

15          an illuminating element connectable to the electrical circuit and the power source to illuminate the consumable portion.

20          2. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein:

the illuminating element is disposed within the upwardly extending portion of the housing, and

25          the upwardly extending portion of the housing is capable of transmitting at least a portion of the light from the illuminating element.

30          3. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein:

the electrical circuit has at least one electrical contact for completing the electrical circuit in a contacting position thereof; and

1       the ring toy further comprises a removable insulator disposed adjacent the electrical contact in a non-contacting position to interrupt the electrical circuit.

5       4. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein said at least one electrical contact comprises a resilient electrical conductor mechanically biased relative to the power source to complete the electrical circuit in said contacting position thereof.

10      5. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein:

          the power of source includes at least one button battery; said at least one electrical contact abuts a terminal of the button battery; and

15      a ring of insulating material is disposed between the electrical contact and the battery terminal to prevent shorting of the battery.

20      6. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the power source is configured to illuminate the consumable portion for a preselected period of time sufficient to consume it, and thereafter to expire.

25      7. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the removable insulator is made of coated paper.

          8. The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the removable insulator comprises a synthetic polymeric material.

1           9. The lighted ring toy of claim 7 wherein the  
removable insulator comprises Mylar.

5           10. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein a circuit  
board is integrated into the electrical circuit to cause the  
illuminating element to flash.

10          11. The lighted ring toy of claim 9 wherein the circuit  
board includes at least one integrated circuit configured as a  
flasher.

15          12. The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein the  
illuminating element is an LED of the flashing type.

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